

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 9-15 and 28-32 are pending in the application with independent claim 9 amended and claim 32 new. Reexamination and reconsideration are hereby requested.

Claims 9-12 and 14 were rejected as anticipated by Dunne.

Applicants reply that Dunne has the base stations (item 2 in Figs.1-2) and their beacons (items 6x) receiving signals from portables (items 5x) and relaying this information to central control (item 3), so the central control can determine and track locations of portables. In contrast, amended claim 9 requires the location determination be made in the wireless mobile communication device itself. Thus Dunne does not suggest amended independent claim 9.

Claims 9, 14-15, 28, and 30-31 were rejected as anticipated by the Santhoff published application.

Applicants reply that the Santhoff publication is not a reference. In particular, Santhoff is the publication of a continuation-in-part of a continuation-in-part of an application which issued as USP 6,519,464; and of these three applications, only the first application has a filing date (Dec.22, 2000) prior to the effective filing date of the present application (Jun.1, 2001). Hence, Santhoff's USP 6,519,464 would satisfy 102(e), but the cited Santhoff publication does not.

Claims 13 and 29 were rejected as rejected as unpatentable over Santhoff.

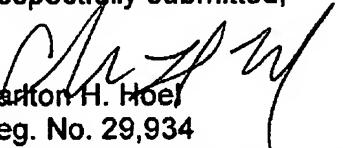
Applicants repeat the observation that the Santhoff publication is not a reference.

Claims 13 and 29 were rejected as indefinite due to the "Bluetooth" terminology. The amendments overcome this rejection.

Claim 32 is new and rephrases claim 9.

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